

BATTLE ON WATER

SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE OFF PORT ARTHUR.

RUMORS ARE NOT CONFIRMED

A Flanking Movement of the Japanese Near Feng Chang Weng—Russians Bury the Dead in the Battle of Nan Shan.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Rumors are circulating here that a great naval battle has taken place off Port Arthur, in which two Russian and four Japanese battleships were sunk. No confirmation of the rumor can be obtained.

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HAI CHENG, Manchuria.—A flanking movement of the Japanese around the Russian left from Feng Wang Cheng June 9 was repulsed with a loss of two battalions.

A large Japanese force moved out in the morning along the Feng Wang Cheng and Hai Chang road. The Russians had a force strongly posted in a ravine thirty miles southeast of Hai Cheng. The Japanese were preceded by two battalions, who walked into the Russian ambush. They received a murderous rifle and artillery fire at close range and were wiped out, only one or two escaping. The main Japanese force tried to outflank the Russians, who drew off without losing a man. The Japanese closing in, found the ravine vacant, save for their own dead.

TOKIO.—The military commission assigned to bury the Russian dead in the battle of Nan Shan hill, at Kin Chou, May 26, presented its final report today. It was found that 10 Russian officers and 664 men who fell in the battle had been carefully buried and 30 men were buried by the outposts, making the total number of killed left behind by the Russians 704.

GET READY FOR CONVENTION.

Advance Guard of Republican Committee Arrives at Chicago.

CHICAGO.—The vanguard of the republican national committee reached Chicago Sunday. Senator Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia and Governor Franklin Murphy of New Jersey were the first arrivals. The chairman, Postmaster General Henry C. Payne, is on the way from Washington and will reach Chicago tomorrow afternoon with several other committeemen. When Senator Scott went to the Coliseum he expressed himself as agreeably surprised to find everything in the hall practically finished and ready for the opening session.

Among other members of the national committee who will arrive Monday are Powell Clayton of Arkansas, minister to Mexico; J. Edward Adicks of Delaware, John W. Yerkes of Kentucky, L. McComas of Maryland, J. H. Gallinger of New Hampshire and Myron T. Merrick of Ohio.

PLAN CO-OPERATIVE MINING.

Union Men May Open a Camp in New Mexico.

DENVER, Colo.—A new mining camp will be opened in New Mexico, according to the Post, to receive the deported union miners from Cripple Creek. The Western Federation of Miners will work the claims on a co-operative basis and will have entire jurisdiction over their development. Provisions will be made by the federation for all deported miners, and to this end a carload of supplies will be sent to the new camp immediately as a starter. The camp will be located near Tres Riedras, which is twenty miles south of the Colorado line, on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande.

There is a district ten miles square of virgin ore, and the work of mining will be parceled out to the union miners. They will work on the co-operative plan, but the miners will be supported by the federation while prospecting.

Cockrell's Injuries Not Serious.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Cockrell of Missouri, who was painfully injured Saturday by being knocked down by a boy with a bicycle, is considerably improved. The wound in the shoulder was painful, but it is thought it will readily yield to treatment. The senator is of robust physical condition and fortunately suffered no shock to his nervous system as a result of the accident. His pulse was normal Sunday and he was able to receive most of the many friends who called on him.

They're Not Train Robbers.

PUEBLO, Colo.—J. H. Ross and William Stubbs, railroad section laborers supposed to have been in the party which held up the Denver & Rio Grande train several days ago near Glenwood Springs, are in Pueblo. Ross was supposed to be the robber who killed himself after he had been wounded by the pursuing posse. The police investigated and found that Ross and Stubbs were in Pueblo the night of the crime, having left the grading camp where they were working two days before the holdup.

PARIS—Miss Lena Morton, daughter of Levi P. Morton of New York, died from the effects of the blood poisoning following an operation for appendicitis. Miss Morton's family were at the bedside when she died. The operation in itself did not arouse serious apprehension, but the appearance of blood poisoning gave the case a grave turn. Miss Morrison rallied slightly but later her case became hopeless and she sank gradually until her death occurred. It is probable that the body will be embalmed and taken to New York.

CAN'T TRUST HER SOLDIERS.

Korea Fears if Men Are Armed They Will Become Bandits.

SEOUL.—Telegraphic communication has been re-established with Ham Heung, on the east coast.

The Korean war ministry recommends distribution of 2,500 Korean soldiers in various positions, 50 to 300 each, along the Tumen river and Great South road, in several important inner towns and at Ham Heung, to prevent future Russian raids.

The step has not yet been agreed on, as the policy is questionable in view of the probability of the majority of such a force deserting with their rifles, turning bandits and robbing the country folk rather than oppose the Russians.

A number of women and children from Gansan have followed the foreigners to the Mountain monastery, twenty miles from Gansan, where the latter have sought refuge. Other fugitive women and children from Gansan, numbering sixty-five persons, have arrived at Fusan, on their way to Japan.

OREGON IS STILL REPUBLICAN.

Herman and Williams Re-Elected to Congress.

PORTLAND, Ore.—At 9 o'clock Monday it is conceded that the republicans have elected their congressional candidates by heavy majorities. Congressman Binger Hermann of Roseburg, the republican candidate, has probably carried the district over R. M. Yeaton, democrat, by five, 5,000 to 7,000. John H. Williamson of Pineville, the republican candidate in the Second district, will carry the district by probably 10,000 over J. E. Simmons, democrat. Frank C. Baker, chairman of the state republican committee, said:

"I predict that Herrmann's majority will be 7,500 and Williamson's 10,000. Judge Frank A. Moore, the republican candidate for state supreme judge, will receive a majority of 20,000."

RUSSIA HAS RUMOR OF DEAL.

A Newspaper Says United States Would Sell Philippines to Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Novoe Vremya discusses quite seriously the report that the United States intends to cede the Philippines to Japan and argues that the far-seeing Yankee, anticipating the inevitable future conflict with Japan, prefers to sell the islands instead of defending them, having thereby learned Russia's lesson of the present war, namely, the difficulty of holding territory so far from the base. The paper adds:

"Europe certainly was not pleased at the exchange of Spanish for American domination in the Philippines, but the latter is a thousand times more agreeable than to see Japan installed there, where it would be a constant menace to Europe's Asiatic interests. England will have to look well to its position in India, France to Indo-China and even Holland to Java. The only consolation is that the cession may keep Japan quiet for a number of years."

DRIVES BACK MILITARY TRAIN.

Japs Bombard Russians on West Coast of Liau Tung.

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All Quiet at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—The Cripple Creek district experienced a quiet day Sunday. General Bell and staff attended church and transacted no business except what was absolutely necessary. Another party of deported miners will leave Victor tomorrow, their destination being either New Mexico or Mexico. This party will consist of about 100 men. A number of arrests were made Sunday and the peace commission sat for a few hours and passed on several cases. The saloons open Monday.

Parker Leads in Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss.—The democratic state convention to name delegates to the national convention at St. Louis meets here Wednesday. There are 263 votes in the state convention and the indications tonight are that Parker will come to the convention with a majority of the vote instructed for him. One hundred and thirty-five is a majority, and he has 127 instructed votes with half a dozen more counties yet to act. John Sharp Williams will likely be the permanent chairman of the convention.

To Extend Road to Pacific.

MEXICO CITY.—If the plans of the Chihuahua & Pacific railroad are not impossible of completion by reason of the ruggedness of the country from the Sierra Madre to the Pacific coast the road will be extended to the west coast in the direction northeast from Guerrero, Chihuahua and crossing the great divide at Temosachic. This statement is authorized by William K. Ryan of the New York firm of Ryan & Dudley, who are building the extension from Minaca to Temosachic.

Squadron May Go to Turkey.

WASHINGTON.—One or more of the American men-of-war now assembled in Mediterranean waters, it is possible, after their service at Tangier, as has been concluded, may go as far east as Turkey. Officials decline to say just what the program of the administration is as to the future movements of the vessels in this regard, but do say that the cruise in the Mediterranean of some of the vessels will be extended eastward, and the inference is given that they may touch at some Turkish port.

Taliaferro Wins in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Returns to midnight of about three-fourths of the state leave the gubernatorial nomination still in doubt. Davis leads Broward by 800 votes out of a total of 20,000.

An American at Port Arthur.

MUKDEN.—Lieutenant Newton A. McCully, United States navy, recently naval attaché at Tokio, but ordered to observe the Russian fleet operations, is inside Russian lines at Port Arthur.

Will Not Compromise America.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Hay on Thursday cabled Consul General Gumere, at Tangier, instructions for dealing with the brigand Raisuli, the point of which is a positive injunction to refrain from committing the United States government to any guarantee of immunity for the brigands or in any way to take any action that would amount to the recognition of the right of brigandage and blackmail in Morocco. This attitude will be adhered to regardless of consequences to Perdicas.

FIFTY YEARS OLD

HALF CENTURY LIVED OVER AGAIN BY PIONEERS.

NEBRASKA'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Golden Jubilee of Organization of Territory is Made Memorable Event—An Outpouring of Venerable Residents Showing Interest They Felt.

OMAHA.—The splendor of the present, the wilderness that was; and how and why. For the contemplation of which was the semi-centennial.

The people of Nebraska in Omaha commemorated the approval of President Pierce May 30, 1854, of the Nebraska-Kansas bill which permitted the organization of the territory of Nebraska.

A beneficent providence forbade the rain that fell slightly in the morning and the remainder of the day was so fair in character as to induce thousands to view the parade down town and pack the huge Auditorium to its last seat.

The celebration was everything the name implies and was divided into three distinct phases. First, in pageantry and display by the grand civic and military parade; in thoughtful consideration of the circumstances combining to make the state, its present and its future, by the meeting in the Auditorium, at which Henry D. Estabrook delivered a brilliant address; and third, in reminiscence and good fellowship by an informal old settlers' reunion at the Orpheum theater in the evening, at which nine of the oldest and most prominent citizens told of the events that shaped the commonwealth.

The outpouring of venerable residents who came to Nebraska and Omaha in the early days was especially remarkable and indicated the deep interest felt in the affair. The men and women classed as pioneers were too many for the sixty carriages that had been provided and the many private conveyances, and some difficulty was encountered in giving all of them an opportunity to ride in the parade. At the Auditorium more than 6,000 people of all ages and conditions—probably one of the most truly representative and cosmopolitan groups that ever assembled in Omaha—proved that the great building is none too commodious in its present unfinished condition.

The commemoration did not begin until afternoon and from 12 o'clock on the day was given up entirely to the occasion, all public buildings and many private ones being closed. The throngs that congregated down town to view the parades have been equaled only by some of the Ak-Sar-Ben congregations, when thousands of visitors were in the city. For a celebration of the kind the parade was uncommonly fine.

Most marked of all the feelings expressed and felt was that of deep wonder over what had been accomplished in Nebraska in fifty years;—a self-congratulation upon the condition of the present and earnest faith in the future. This was the spirit that predominated the gatherings, without tumult, but with many happy smiles and frequent handclaps betokening feelings of brotherhood and awakening old memories and associations.

Dr. George L. Miller, president of the day, presided over the exercises in the Auditorium and made brief introductory remarks. Governor Mickey also spoke briefly. Bishop A. L. Williams, bishop of the diocese of Nebraska, offered the invocation.

DEATH OF CATTLEMAN DEWEY.

Owner of Dewey Ranch in Kansas and Multi-Millionaire.

TOPEKA, Kas.—Word has reached this city this morning of the death of C. P. Dewey of Manhattan, in Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Dewey is rated as a two time millionaire. He has extensive iron mine interests in West Virginia, ice and rental incomes in Chicago, a 100,000 acre ranch in Rawlins county, Kansas, and over 11,000 acres in Riley and Geary counties in this state.

In Manhattan he owned much town property, including the electric light plant and the telephone system. Another enterprise of Mr. Dewey's is the Beach hotel at Eureka. He came to Kansas twenty years ago from Chicago. He leaves a wife and son, Chauncey Dewey, who was recently tried and acquitted, with two of his boyboys, on the charge of killing the Cows.

To Fill Quay's Shoes.

PHILADELPHIA.—Phlander C. Knox of Pittsburg, attorney general of the United States, was selected Thursday to fill the seat in the United States senate made vacant by the death of Matthew Stanley Quay. He will accept and serve by appointment of Governor Pennypacker until March 4, the date of the expiration of the late senator's commission.

Russian Gunboat Is Sunk.

TOKIO.—The destroyer flotilla engaged in watching Port Arthur from the eastward reports that at 7:40 p. m. on June 4 a Russian gunboat of the Giliak type was seen to explode and sink near Chentao Shan. The vessel, with another gunboat, a destroyer and other steamers, was evidently engaged in clearing the vicinity of mines. When the explosion occurred the others hurried back into Port Arthur.

Using Wireless Telegraph.

LONDON.—The Daily Mail's Che Foo correspondent says: The Japanese consul has discovered that a wireless telegraph apparatus is attached in the night time to the Russian consular flagstaff at Che Foo and that the consulate is in communication with Port Arthur.

London Correspondent Killed.

TIENTSIN.—A telegram from Yin Kow announces that Eitel of the London Telegraph was shot dead at Tientsin by Imperial troops.

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Uncle Sam's Cash.

WASHINGTON.—Tuesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$164,049,325; gold, \$68,337,086.

Getting Ready to Dig Canal.

COLON.—The first party of twenty surveying engineers for the canal is engaged in selecting suitable locations for camping out at Gatun.

PORT ARTHUR WILL FALL.

Russian Plans for Subsequent Movement of Fleet Are Complete.

ST. PETERSBURG.—There is reason to believe that the plans for the departure of the Port Arthur squadron, in the event that the fall of the fortress becomes imminent, have been completed. They involve the co-operation of the Vladivostok squadron. After the blockading fleet has been engaged, the uninjured Russian ships will effect a junction with the Vladivostok squadron and make their way to Vladivostok. The fact that the Korean straits are mined and guarded by a Japanese torpedo boat flotilla, which has been established to the satisfaction of the admiralty here, greatly increases the difficulty of the operation, but the Russians will probably prefer to take chances of getting through rather than of making a 2,000-mile journey around Japan. The attempt may occur at the first favorable opportunity. The squadron is useless for the defense of Port Arthur, while, if preserved entire or in major portion even, the fall of Port Arthur would be robbed of much of its importance, from the standpoint of Russia's future plans.

COUNTERFEITED LARGE BILLS.

Detectives Find Man with Spurious \$100 Bills.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A man giving his name as Marcus Crahan, aged 34, was arrested at the Delmar race track by Secret Service Operator Murphy and is now being held a prisoner at the Four Courts pending his arraignment tomorrow before United States Commissioner Grain on the charge of having in his possession counterfeit money.

In the prisoner's possession the officer found a total of \$4,000 in \$100 gold certificates, which are said to be counterfeits similar to those passed last Saturday or Monday on bookmakers at the Kenilworth and Gravesend tracks. The bills are declared by federal detectives to be very dangerous counterfeits that ordinarily would not be detected.

The front of the bills is a good imitation of a real \$100 gold certificate, but the portrait of Senator Benton is rough. In place of the yellow silk threads on the back the maker of the money had sketched the design in red ink.

RUSSIA PLEADS INNOCENCE.

Says It Hasn't Hurt Chinese, Unless Bandits.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Russia has answered the communication of China calling attention to the interference of the Russian military authorities with the natives of villages in Manchuria on the lines suggested in these dispatches June 6, asking for specific instances.

Recent Russian advices regarding the agitation among the Chinese are more disquieting. This is the case with the news from Kwan Tung province, where, it is pointed out, the Boxer rebellion of 1900 was started at about this time of the year.

CLEARING WAY INTO DALNY.

Togo Finds and Explodes Forty-one Mines in the Harbor.

TOKIO.—Admiral Togo has succeeded in clearing the channel leading into Talienvan (Dalny.) He began locating mines on June 3, and since then he has found and exploded forty-one. Yesterday a small steamer was able to safely enter the harbor.

The work of locating other mines is now continuing and it is expected that the vicinity will be speedily cleared of all such dangerous obstructions to navigation.

CECIL RHOADES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Nebraska Has Four Names in List of Eligibles.

MONTREAL.—Dr. Parkin has received at McGill university the report of Oxford examiners upon the papers of candidates examined on April 13 and 14 throughout the United States and Canada which have no colleges affiliated with Oxford. Altogether 120 candidates have passed from the different states and territories of the union and thus become eligible for selection as Rhodes scholars. They include:

Nebraska—Raymond Coon, Arthur H. Marsh, Frank A. Peterson, Edwin Southland, Iowa—Carl W. Ross, Joseph E. Walliser, South Dakota—Paul M. Young, Wyoming—Harold G. Merriam.

Russians Suffer Reverse.

LONDON.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphs, under date of June 8: "General Stakelberg's Russian brigade, marching in the direction of Port Arthur, suffered a reverse on Saturday near Wafangtien and retired to Tashichiao."

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DEATH TO UNIONS

NEW SLOGAN OF THE ALLIANCE AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

ACTION OF THE MINE OWNERS

Alliance Issues a Standing Threat to All Wage Earners in the District—The Recent Raid on the Victor Record Office.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—"Death to unionism in the Cripple Creek district" is the new slogan of the Citizens' alliance, which has sent a decree broadcast that every person connected with any union here must either sever his or her connection with such organization or leave the district.

The latest stand of the anti-unionists was vaguely hinted at two days ago, but the movement on the part of the alliance seemed so absurd to 3,000 or 4,000 unionists in the camp and its enforcement fraught with so many difficulties that it was not taken seriously.

Tyson S. Dines, a Denver attorney and one of the executors of the Stratton, estate, is here in conference with the Citizens' alliance, and it is announced that he is here preparing a form which will be presented to every merchant and business man and every employer of labor in the entire district, pledging them not to employ any person who is affiliated with a labor union.

No person who works for a living will be exempt and the absolute annihilation of unionism in this county is predicted by members of the Citizens' alliance, and the Mine Owners' association.

This is considered the most drastic step yet taken by the alliance since it secured the upper hold in the district and its enforcement will affect 3,000 men and women now affiliated with various unions. Among the unions that will be affected by the new movement are clerks, cooks and waiters, bartenders, carpenters, electricians, traimen and stone and brick mason. The unionists assert they will fight the movement to a finish.

General Bell issued the following signed statement regarding the raid on the Victor Record office and the destruction of the newspaper plant:

"I cannot be too emphatic in my condemnation of this un-American attack. Such action as this reflects upon the military, because martial law prevails. As military commander I am solely responsible for the clearing up of this crime if it is possible."

"I am aware that Editor Kyrer was bitterly denounced and threatened and accused of selling out when his editorial appeared asking the Western Federation to call off the strike. The socialistic element of the federation were the ones who took the principal stand in this thing. However, whoever the perpetrators of this crime may be, they will land in the bull pen if apprehended."

Killing Natives and Looting.

SEOUL.—Reliable information has been received here from Ping Yang to the effect that Cossacks between Anju and Kaichow are reported to be killing the Korean natives and looting their homes.

Detachment of Cossacks Routed.

TOKIO.—A detachment of the Japanese force which landed at Taku Shan surprised and routed a company of Cossacks on Sunday at Kan Chia Tun, on the Kin Chou road, seven miles northwest of Taku Shan.

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Russian Scholar.

Dr. Edward A. Steiner, professor of applied Christianity at Iowa college, Grinnell, who wrote the authorized American biography of Tolstoy, is credited with knowing more about Russia and the Slavic world generally than any other living American.

CROP CONDITIONS.

The Outlook as a Whole is Quite Favorable.

WASHINGTON.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

While too cool for best results in portions of the lake region and in the districts east of the Rocky mountains, with excessive moisture and lack of sunshine in the central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, the week as a whole has been very favorable in the districts east of the Rocky mountains. Drouth in the South Atlantic and eastern gulf states has been very generally relieved, although rain is needed in portions of Florida and in the central and western gulf coast districts. The North Pacific coast also experienced a favorable week, but in California nearly all crops were injured by continued drying north winds.

Over the western portions of the corn belt the growth of corn has been checked by the lack of warmth and sunshine, and it is much in need of cultivation, while in the central and eastern districts planting and replanting have been delayed by rains. Poor stands are reported from the lake region, Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. In the southern states the general condition of corn is promising, although rain is needed in the central gulf coast districts.

Winter wheat has suffered somewhat from heavy rains in portions of Oklahoma and Missouri; elsewhere this crop has advanced favorably, but the outlook over the eastern portion of the entire wheat belt continues unpromising, although more or less im-

provement in the Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. Wheat is now heading as far north as the central Mississippi valley, harvesting being general in the southern states. On the North Pacific coast the crop has advanced favorably and is heading. In California it is maturing rapidly, but is being seriously damaged by hot winds.

With the exception of some weedy fields in South Dakota, spring wheat is in very promising condition in all districts.

Oats have made vigorous growth throughout the central valley and middle Atlantic states, and a general improvement in the condition of this crop is indicated in nearly all districts. Seeding is now practically finished in the extreme northern sections and harvesting continues in the southern states.

In the extreme northern states there is an encouraging outlook for apples, but in the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys and middle Atlantic states the prospects appear to be somewhat impaired by extensive dropping. In the southern states a good crop of peaches is indicated.

Japanese Army Is Landed.

CHE FOO.—Chinese who have arrived here from Takushan say that the Japanese army of 20,000 men that landed at Takushan last month and proceeded toward Feng Wang Cheng, presumably to reinforce General Kuraki, returned to Takushan May 28. The Chinese believed that the Japanese had been defeated by the Russians, but it is regarded here as more likely that the advance toward Feng Wang Cheng and return to Takushan was simply a Japanese feint.

Reiterates Story of Jap Loss.

PARIS.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says that a naval officer repeats the story already in circulation at Liao Yang that the Russian squadron at Port Arthur made a sortie and sunk two Japanese torpedo boats and a battleship of the Shikishima type.

Asphaltum Plant at Denver.

Denver is soon to have a big plant for the handling of gilsonite and asphaltum, from the enormous beds of these natural products, which lie along the line of the new "Moffat road," the "short line" of railway that is being constructed, from Denver to Salt Lake City, Utah. The plant is expected to cost about \$1,000,000 and to employ approximately 1,000 men.

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